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Intimations.



POLICE NOTIFICATION.

THE following Regulations are made under the provisions of Ordinance 10 of 1869:—

ILLUMINATIONS.

I.—After 8 P.M. on the nights of the 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, and on the morning of the 25th December, 1881, no Chairs or Vehicles will be allowed to pass along that portion of Queen's Road Central lying between Wardley Street and Murray Barracks.

II.—On the same dates no Jinrickshas will be allowed to pass through Wing Lock Street, Jervois Street, Bonham Strand, or Bonham Strand West.

III.—On the night of the 24th and morning of the 25th December, 1881, no Jinrickshas will be allowed to pass along Queen's Road.

FIRE WORKS.

IV.—Admission to the Cathedral enclosure will be by Tickets, to be obtained by application to the Acting Registrar General, the Chinese Committee, or Inspector on duty Central Police Barracks.

V.—The South portion of the Parade Ground will be reserved for women and children.

VI.—The portion of Parade Ground between Queen's Road and the Cathedral will be reserved for all persons respectfully dressed.

VII.—Coolies will not be allowed to pass along the upper approaches to the Parade Ground.

CITY HALL.

VIII.—At all entertainments at the City Hall until December 31st, 1881, Chairs and Vehicles must set down from the East side and take up from the West.

IX.—All empty Chairs and Vehicles will be arranged by the Police in two lines, public Chairs down Queen's Road and private Chairs down Wardley Street, and must only come to the doors of the City Hall in turn.

X.—Passengers along the Streets, and Chairs will keep to the left hand side of the Streets and Roads in the direction in which they are proceeding.

XI.—In Queen's Road two Chairs will be allowed to be carried abreast of each other. In other Streets they must be carried in single line.

XII.—The Police will be directed to keep the crowd moving.

XIII.—Passes will be required after 1 A.M.

W. M. DEANE,

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Reinard's "Géographie d'Aboulséda, traduit de l'Arabe en Français."

Houckgeest's "Voyage de l'Ambassade de la Compagnie des Indes Orientales Hollandaise, vers l'Empereur de la Chine dans 1794," 2 vols. royal 4to. (calf).

"Olearius's Travels in Muscovy, Tartary, and Persia," imp. 8vo., 1662.

"Journal of the Indian Archipelago and Eastern Asia," 2 vols.

"Journal of the Royal Geographical Society," 6 vols.

"Spranger's El-Mas'udis' Historical Encyclopedia, entitled Meadows of Gold and Mines of Gems," translated from the Arabic.

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THE Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 22ND DECEMBER, 1881.

THE *China Mail* is frequently led into betraying its deplorable ignorance—when carried away by *animus* it displays such a strong desire to censure and vilify H.E. the Governor. Mr. Belilios's "foundation" was undoubtedly an act of very laudable generosity, which a perusal of some of the back pages of the *Gazette* will show has been suitably acknowledged by Sir John Pope Hennessy. The Trustees are in no way to blame if the candidates are not forthcoming, or if education is not sufficiently advanced in the Colony to enable the advantages of the Trust to be properly availed of. We have to make a few remarks on the comments of our contemporary some short time back re Mr. Belilios's handsome tribute for the advancement of learning and medical science. Particular stress is laid on the latter. The blind and infatuated writer in the after dinner print does not stop to enquire whether the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Civil Hospital have leisure time to devote to the instruction of two lads in the many and varied branches of science which constitute a medical curriculum. He is apparently ignorant of the fact that "dissection" is a *sine qua non* to a correct knowledge of Anatomy and Surgery, which even Hindu Brahmins have recognised, many of whom have taken the highest honors in Medicine and Surgery at the University of London, and hundreds of whom flock to the Medical Colleges and Schools of India. The Governor, we are certain, has had nothing to do with the non-realization, so far, of Mr. Belilios's kind intentions. The medical men of the Colony would protest against undertaking the medical education of two lads without the "preliminary scientific training" which is demanded for the same purpose everywhere. Even under extreme circumstances, all that the selected students could possibly expect to attain would be the status of dressers and compounders—both of doubtful significance and value. The teaching and attendance at the Civil Hospital would not be recognised anywhere, and the intentions of the donor of the endowment would be frustrated—simply rendered null and void. We trust that we have said sufficient to show that the *China Mail* in endeavouring to find a plea for censuring the Governor has, as usual, succeeded in displaying ill-feeling, want of knowledge of the subject discussed, and a persistence in a course of folly which reflects on itself with additional shame.

A telegram states that the Egyptian troops in the Soudan have been attacked by fanatics. Many crimes in the East are put upon fanatics, which, looking at the proper definition of the word, means religious enthusiasts; few and far between, but found in all countries of the East. Colonel Gordon would probably tell us that those so-called fanatics are in the pay of the slave-dealers, who see a diminution in business, and consequently smaller profits, in the advent of the Khediv's troops which have recently been sent South to attempt to stop the traffic.

By reference to an advertisement in another column the programme of a grand holiday entertainment will be noted. A "Fair and Fete" is to be held at Kowloon Gardens, under the management of Mr. Pemberton-Willard, and will extend over three days, commencing on Boxing Day. The bill put forth is attractive enough to induce a large gathering, and given bright dry weather we should imagine a goodly number of visitors may be anticipated both in the afternoon and evening, as there are hundreds of persons in Hongkong who have never visited this place who would avail themselves of the opportunity of a fine afternoon to take a trip across the water.

We are no doubt, on the whole, much indebted to the *London and China Express* and the *Overland Mail* for the quantity and the variety of news usually contained in those publications; but both these journals occasionally put forth statements, having regard to matters of interest in the Far East, that are as far from being correct as the sun is from the earth. The following paragraph has been quoted by nearly every paper in China and Japan from the *Overland Mail*, and is unique in its absurdity:—"The Admiralty have decided upon sending the *Swiftsure* to China to relieve the *Iron Duke*, flagship on the station, the latter vessel having sustained damages through her recent groundings. The *Audacious* is to be prepared as flagship, and will take out the admiral appointed to succeed Admiral G. O. Willes. Upon the arrival of the *Audacious* on the China station, the *Swiftsure* will proceed to the Pacific to relieve the *Triumph*." In the first place, the cause given for the relief of the *Iron Duke* is that she has "sustained damages through her recent groundings." The flagship was on the rocks a year and a half ago, and came to this port to be repaired, and the work was so exceedingly well done by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company as to elicit an expression of approbation from the Admiralty. The *Iron Duke* has certainly not been in a similar predicament since July, 1880, but perhaps that is what the *Overland Mail* would call a recent event. The only reasons why the present flagship might possibly be replaced are those of time and the condition of her boilers, for, so far as her bottom is concerned, she is as tight as a bottle. With regard to the former, it is true if the present crew remain in her till the *Audacious* is ready they will have put in a rather long commission; but with regard to her boilers, it has been ascertained that, with care, they will last till the advent of her sister ship. The *Overland Mail* has obviously got hold of a rumour that was current in England when the relief was first contemplated, namely, that the *Swiftsure* was the vessel to be selected, but when it was considered that there is not a dock in China or Japan to take the *Swiftsure*, the idea was abandoned. The dock at Nagasaki, the deepest on the sill of any in the Far East, will not admit the *Swiftsure* without the removal of some of her weights and all her coal; and as it is hardly likely the Admiralty would send a vessel drawing nearly 27 feet through the Canal, she must come round the Cape, incurring an enormous, and unnecessary expenditure of fuel, or, sailing, and arriving on the China Station but a very short time before it will be possible to get the *Audacious* out. Considering that the latter ship's new boilers were lying at Keyham Yard waiting for her, and remembering how long ago she was brought round to the Hamoaze from the Eastward, it stands to reason that at the time the *Overland Mail* paragraph appeared she must have been in a forward condition for commission, notwithstanding that the journal has failed to note the fact and inform those in the Far East of the circumstance.

A telegram from London, dated 20th December, states that the American Agricultural Bureau's Monthly Report estimates the cotton crop at 4,900,000 bales. We have no doubt the reports also states whether the crop is an average one, or how much per cent. below or above the average it is estimated at; but, as is frequently the case, for want of another half-dozen words the information is incomplete and comparatively worthless.

A New York telegram dated Nov. 21st to a San Francisco contemporary says:—"F. Theodore Walton, whose betting exploits in England in the past season gained him a world-wide fame as 'An American Plunger,' arrived home to-day. He says that he won £33,000, or about \$165,000, on the races in England. On Fenchill alone he gathered in £15,000 in three races. On Fenchill, in the St. Leger, £9,000; on the Rothbills' mare Nellie, in the Newmarket race, £11,400; and on Sir John Astley's horses, £3,700. Besides all these he won various small amounts. Walton lost a few bets also. He says he acted on his own judgment always, and never bet with private persons, doing his business entirely with books."

We see it announced that the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's steam tug *Fams* will leave Peddar's Wharf at 12.30 to-morrow and Saturday for the conveyance of visitors to the Regatta Grand Stand at Kowloon. This must surely be a mistake! Are the members of the Regatta Committee aware that the *Fams* cannot go alongside the pier at Tsim-tai-tsoi, and that consequently passengers will have to be landed from the steamer in boats? The paddle-wheels of the tug would be smashed to pieces against the pier, if she made the attempt to get alongside, so she is not likely to try the experiment. If the Committee wish to be courteous to their guests they will provide a couple of steam launches which can be obtained at very trifling cost—to convey passengers from Peddar's Wharf direct to the landing stage.

Until last night we were under the impression that the *Daily Press* was the only comic paper in Hongkong. We must really apologise to the *China Mail* for having hitherto overlooked its undoubted claims to be fairly considered an organ of wit and humour—so-called. The gutter print is responsible for the following blackguardism:—

"CRAD MILE FEALTEN."

Scene—Parade Ground, Hongkong.
JACK (rather fresh, going off, leg.)—
I say, Jinks, look at that 'ere Governor's house. Blank my eyes! 'Good million frailties."

JINKS (of the Horse Marines, who joined at Cork).—Whisht! Be aisy, me bhoy; that's the Orish for a peerage and an extra thousand a year, Begorrah. Bill, what d'ye say?
BILL (opening a soda).—Not [pop] any way this time, Jinks.

[Conversation collapses.]

"A. B. C." otherwise "X. Y. Z." has come out under a new alias, "Truth." Those who are personally acquainted with this copious and versatile writer on all public questions, know right well his exact claims to the title he arrogantly aspires to. His most recent contribution to current literature is as follows:—"Sir,—On the fourth page of your morning contemporary of to-day's date, I observe an article reproduced from the *Nineteenth Century*, said to be from the pen of our Governor Sir John Pope Hennessy, in which speaking of a certain personage, the writer says, 'In fact he was one of the most daring and active of those eminent Englishmen who have done much to render British Government permanently difficult if not more than difficult—in Ireland.' This is strong language; and as a loyal subject of the *Gracious Lady* who now rules the destinies of the British Empire (of all our long line of rulers the wisest and the best), I sincerely regret that, on the present auspicious occasion, such vicious nonsense should have been reproduced by a leading Hongkong journal without reprobatory comment.—Yours, &c., TAVRA." There is only one man in Hongkong thick-skinned and thick-headed enough to have written such "rot" as the above. There is only one print in the colony—the *China Mail*—that would degrade itself by publishing "such vicious nonsense, without reprobatory comment."

A correspondent writes complaining that the British steamer *Mary Tuham* left for San Francisco yesterday afternoon without any mail notice of her departure having been published, an omission which caused him great inconvenience. We have much pleasure in directing the attention of the Postal Authorities to this complaint, but it is only fair to point out that a mail notice was issued for the 17th instant at 11.30 a.m., and on the 19th at 2.30 p.m.

It is satisfactory to learn by a late telegram from home that the Government has declared the *Lilies' Land League* illegal. The interference of women in political matters of vast importance has already tended in many well known instances to aggravate and complicate affairs considerably; and it is therefore cause for congratulation that Mr. Gladstone has so promptly put a stop to petticoat partisanship in the present troubled condition of Ireland.

The *Amoy Gazette* says—the Community of Amoy entertained the officers of the *Dreadnaught* Squadron at a picnic on the 17th instant at the "Ten Thousand Rocks Joss House." Public offices were closed and the day was observed as a general holiday. When the Princes landed on Saturday morning at Sin Lotow, Koolangsoo, they went to Mr. Forrest's residence where they planted a tree (*Brio Batrya Japonica*) as a memento of their visit to Amoy. Afterwards they went to a picnic at Ban Seng Giam Joss House. The Band of the *Laconant* was in attendance and played a selection music.

We have been courteously supplied by the Superintendent of the Eastern Extension, Australasia, and China Telegraph Company with an important item of news, as under:—"The following is the translation of a telegraphic notification which I have received from the Bureau International des Administrations Telegraphiques:—From the 24th instant, the Chinese line between Shanghai and Tientsin will be open for international correspondence; the rates for telegrams with a minimum of seven words will be—From Shanghai to Soochow, Tl. 1 per word; from Shanghai to Chinkiang, Tl. 1.10 per word; from Shanghai to Tientsin, Tl. 1.50 per word."

Affairs in Ireland continue to engage the action of the Government, and a telegram which arrived here yesterday states that an extensive seizure of arms, ammunition, and dynamite has been made in Dublin, and that compromising documents have been found; several arrests have been consequently made. There is no doubt whatever that the Government at the present moment have information sufficient to struggle the movement in Ireland if they were to decide to use strong measures. This, however, is not the policy of the Gladstone Administration, and although it will probably take a considerable time to "oil down" the Emerald Isle, we opine that the worst of the present movement has passed.

SPORTING GOSSIP.

Training this morning was almost a dead letter. The course was enveloped in a thick Scotch mist, and a drizzling rain fell at intervals. A very select circle of "sports" assembled round the coffee table, gossip about the impending festivities apparently having more attractions than watching the dun shadows of the ponies trotting slowly round the track. The most noteworthy incident of the morning was the first appearance on the course this season of last year's Champions winner, Wild Eddy. The shapely dun has evidently summured most satisfactorily, as he struts clean as a smelt, and although carrying far less flesh than he did last year, he wears a bright, healthy look, which augurs well for his prospects even when meeting Strathpeffer, Shamrock, Rye, and First Cornet. Although confined to a short bout of trotting exercise, he managed to break away once or twice, and in his canters Wild Eddy displayed all the grand action which in his griffin days made him famous in Shanghai. Wild Surf, another speedy pony in his best day, and winner both at Shanghai and in Hongkong, also made his debut at exercise. Not to put it too strongly, Wild Surf is a mere bag of bones, a shadow of

his former self, and he trotted in a very suspicious style. However, considering the desolate character of his last year's lameness it was doubtless good policy to keep him thin, but as the pony will have to be built up and strengthened, and again drawn fine enough to race all within the next two months, it will be a feather in his trainer's cap if he succeeds in bringing him to the post fit and well. We know what a dinker Wild Surf is when quite himself, so shall watch his preparation with special interest. The handsome Redstart, fidgety as of old, renewed his acquaintance with Wong-nei-cheong, looking as usual, a picture of fitness. Although winner of one or two good races, Redstart, notwithstanding his occasional exhibitions of high class form—especially in running Sarcingle to a short head over a mile in his griffin days, and in defeating Strathpeffer, Gossoon, and a good field for the Navy Plate two years ago—has, during his career, sadly belied his racing appearance and good looks. When a griffin in the interest of the Mount-Skelton confederacy, he proved a most unworthy successor to Cook Robin, and could make no sort of a show in the Derby against Girths, Bismarck, and Black Moire, although he twice ran a good second to the slashing Sarcingle. A minor race on the fourth day was all he could pick up on his first appearance in Hongkong, and he must have cost his owners a considerable sum in stakes and bets. A summer at Amoy apparently improved the bony chesnut, as he lost his maidenhood the succeeding year in the Canton Cup, with Fluke and Filon d'Or, winner of the Derby, behind him, mainly owing, however, to Mr. Hatchings completely outdressing Mr. Brandt in a desperate struggle from the quarter-mile post, and even then he only won by half a head. A clever victory in the Navy Plate at the same meeting showed his liking for heavy going; and after the races he was again sent to his summer quarters at Amoy. Last year, when heavily supported, he was nowhere in the Wong-nei-cheong stakes; and failed to live with Second Violin in the race for the Garrison Cup. He ran well, however, in the Professional Cup over his favourite distance, one mile, Strathpeffer and Tagmahal finishing half a length and a neck in front of him respectively, with Second Violin, carrying 7 lbs. extra, only a neck in his rear. A clever win from Driving Cloud and a big field in the Consolation Stakes completed his last year's record, and no purchaser offering to take him at \$350 he returned to Amoy. Redstart looks as sound as a bell, and no doubt will get through his preparation satisfactorily, and make a bold bid for whichever race he carries the confidence of his astute owner.

The jockey difficulty has already cropped up. According to latest reliable intelligence from Shanghai very few of the crack northern riders will visit Hongkong this season, so that there is certain to be a dearth of experienced horsemen when race-time comes round. We understand that in all probability Messrs. Nickolls and Reynell will ride for Mr. Paul, Mr. Ogle for Mr. Henry, Messrs. Bidwell, and Brandt for Mr. Gordon, M. D'Arnaux and Mr. Grant for Mr. Grammont's stable, and Messrs. W. M. Morgan and Easton for the veteran's contingent of subscription griffins. We have not heard definitely who will do the St. Andrew's "blue and silver," and it is yet uncertain whether Mr. Tennant will be able to come down with a team of ponies from Foochow.

No man ever needed the sympathy, the encouragement, and the kind words of his fellow-men, more than he, who, at a recent swell ball, stooped to pick up his partner's fan, and burst both back brace-buttons simultaneously.

A Tokio paper says that, in accordance with a request made by the British Princes, the Imperial Household Department has lately sent their photographs to the Abbot of the Western Hongwanji, and the Governor of Kioto to Fu.

"Colonel W. is a fine looking man ain't he?" said a friend of ours the other day. "Yes," replied another; "I was taken for him once." "You! Why you are as ugly as sin." "I don't care for that, I was taken for him; I endorsed his note, and was taken for him—by the sheriff."

THE ATTACK ON THE SCHOONER "DIANA."

A short time ago we gave an account of an attack which had been made on the crew of the schooner *Diana* by the natives of the Kurile Islands, and we now find the following explanation of it in the *Japan Herald*:

In 1872, the Russian Government leased the Commodore Islands—that is Behring and Copper Island—to the firm Phillips, Hutchison, and Coll, for the purpose of seal and otter hunting, for the term of twenty years, but this company has only the right to kill a certain number of animals, which number is annually fixed by the Government to prevent their extermination. The Government steamer *Alexander* cruises about from station to station, to exercise necessary control. Depredations by San Francisco, Shanghai, and even Honolulu schooners, have been constantly committed on those islands, which the military force, consisting only of one officer and two Cossacks for both islands, have not been able to check. Last year the crew of an American schooner landed there, and destroyed and burnt many of their cottages, which proceedings naturally created a bitter and inimical feeling against such vessels and their crews. Also, last year the schooner *Olsejo* was seized there, and, as she and her crew could not very well be kept, her papers were retained, and the captain was told to go to Vladivostok, if he had any complaints to make. This year a large number of skins have been taken on the island and brought to Yokohama. When asked, on coming ashore what they wanted, the crews of the vessels invariably answer that they came shore for provisions; but instead of going to Petropaulowski, or at least to inhabited places, where they might obtain provisions, they always go to the seal haunts. Exasperated by these continued robberies, the natives complained to the Russian Government, which furnished them with rifles, and told them to defend themselves. This, to a certain extent, explains how the *Diana* affair happened; besides this, there is a rumour afloat that, before the *Diana* came there, an American schooner had landed, and that in an affray between the natives and her crew, one of the former had been killed.

It is said that the *Diana's* crew was mistaken for that of the other vessel, and fired upon. When she came to Petropaulowski the skins which she then had on board were confiscated, and strange to say, the official documents were given to her master to deliver them to General Van Buren, in whose hands they are at present, and who is prosecuting an enquiry into the affair with a view of reporting on it to his government.

The following notes from Corea are translated by the *Japan Mail* from the correspondence of the *Mainichi Shim-bun*:—The King has recently held a review of the newly organized native foreign-drilled soldiers. The establishment of such a force was a strongly opposed, not only by the anti-foreign party but also by many members of the Cabinet, and, in consequence of this, the abandonment of the scheme was at once contemplated: owing, however, to the great efforts made by the Japanese Lieutenant Horimoto, and four active Korean officers, the drill was persevered in. On the 3rd November (the birthday of His Majesty the Emperor) Mr. Asayama and several other Japanese residents of Fusan gave a grand entertainment, in honour of the occasion. Korean musicians performed throughout the day. About two hundred guests from the official and mercantile classes of both countries were present and congratulatory speeches were made. The Japanese Consul who attended delivered an address on the occasion. The banquet was the most successful that has ever been held in Fusan since the opening of the port. Since the execution of Kio-Zaikaku, on account of his having advocated in a too pronounced manner his conservative opinions, the anti-foreign party have become more and more excited; and there is even a rumour prevalent that their sympathizers in the neighbourhood of Seoul are plotting to attack the parade ground, where the Japanese Lieutenant Horimoto drills the native soldiers, and to follow this by raising an insurrection.

EXTRACT FROM THE "PEKING GAZETTE."

Nov. 3rd.—(1) A Decree, directing a further donation of Tls. 3,000 to be distributed among the coolies who bore the Imperial coffin from Peking to the Tung Ling.

(2) Memorial from Hsiao Shao, bringing to His Majesty's notice the pitiable condition of the slaves employed in certain coal mines situated in the District of Leiyang, Hunan. A considerable portion of the memorial was embodied in the answering decree which appeared in the *Gazette* of 23rd October. Some further particulars, however, are given in the memorial under notice. The slaves in question are obtained from two sources; they are either destitute vagrants driven by the prospect of starvation to sell themselves, in utter ignorance of the terrible fate which awaits them; or they are men who have been seduced into gambling dens, and, having become hopelessly involved there, have been forced to sell themselves to pay their losses. The price of the form class of slaves varies from one or two thousand cash to a few hundred cash a man. As the deep parts of the mines are constantly flooded, the slaves are divided into two gangs, one on duty by day and the other at night, and the task set them is to be continually standing in the water and baling it out. From this occupation they are vulgarly known as "water frogs," while their keepers have earned the well merited designation of "living kings of hell," from their ferocity and savage treatment of their prisoners. These latter, half naked and badly fed, when temporarily released from work, huddle round a stove for warmth and rest, and so transformed are they in habits and appearance, that they can scarcely be recognised as human beings. Once immured in these mines, all hope of ever getting away is put aside, and the life-long servitude is ended, in many instances, brought on by the cruel treatment of their masters. Indeed, it is computed that several thousands have died from this cause during the last few years. The proclamations issued by the local authorities have not had the effect of putting a stop to this barbarous trade, of the existence of which the Yamen underlings are perfectly cognisant, and employ there guilty knowledge to obtain money from the proprietors of the mines. Memorialist concludes by praying His Majesty to direct the Provincial authorities to take such measures as will effectually stamp out the abuse, and, in case of a repetition of the offence to deal with the mine owners under the kidnapping law, and confiscate the mines.—*N. C. Daily News*.

NEW YORK GOLD MINES.

In the State of New York they are now finding gold mines, both quartz and placer. Some of the quartz is said to assay over \$300 per ton. They have a queer way of prospecting their placer ground by assaying the dirt. A correspondent of the *New York World* has been visiting and describing the mines, which are principally in Fulton county. Speaking of one of these mines, the writer says:—

"The gravel contains some quartz, which has sulphurets as well as free gold in it. For this, as well as other reasons, the company have decided to crush the gravel and then work it in the same way that they would ore from a quartz ledge. Their assays have run from \$6 to \$75. The average, however, has been about \$20. This would make the working about \$17.50 to \$19 per ton, and this will pay."

Of another claim he says:—"It is 10,000 feet along the bed of the creek and 1,000 feet on each side. The assays have run from \$14 to \$19, averaging about \$15. A working test was made by taking a barrel of stuff collected at various parts of the claim, and worked by Mollar, of New York, with a result, it is said, of \$18.50 in gold and \$1 in silver to the ton. I visited the ground and found that it was well situated for working. Mr. Bonchley informed me that it was their intention to work the ore by crushing and amalgamating, as in the case of quartz. I was unable myself to get a very good showing on this claim by panning, not finding more than two or three 'colors' to the pan."

THE LATE ARCHBISHOP M'HALE.

He following brief biography of Archbishop M'Hale, whose death we recently announced is taken from *Man of the Times*:

"M'Hale, the Most Rev. John, D.D., Archbishop of Tuam, born in 1791, at Tubber-na-vine, Mayo, having learned the rudiments of Greek and Latin at a school in the neighbouring town of Castlebar, entered as a student at Maynooth, where he became Lecturer and Professor of Dogmatic Theology. Having held his professorial chair for about eleven years he was named a candidate—Bishop of Killala *cum jure successione*, and consecrated with the title of Bishop of Maronia *in partibus*. Whilst resident at Maynooth, he published, under the signature of "Hibrophilus," a series of controversial letters on Bible Societies, the Protestant Church in Ireland, and Catholic Emancipation; and, in 1827, a work on the "Evidences and Doctrines of the Catholic Church," since translated into the French and German languages. Dr. M'Hale afterwards published, under his own signature as Bishop of Maronia a second series of letters on the same class of subjects, which attracted great attention both among the friends and the foes of Catholic Emancipation. On the death of Dr. Kelly, Dr. M'Hale was promoted to the archiepiscopal See of Tuam. During Lord Melbourne's Ministry, he published several letters on the questions of the Church Establishment and Education under the signature of "John, Archbishop of Tuam," and in 1847 he collected in one volume the entire series of letters up to that date. Dr. M'Hale, who has taken an active part in the politics of the day, is known as a preacher, not only in Ireland and England, but in Italy, and his sermons, delivered in Rome in 1832, have been translated into Italian by the Abate de Luca, Apostolic Nuncio at Vienna. He has translated into Irish, and published, above sixty of Moore's "Irish Melodies" in the same precise metre as he original; in 1861 he produced a large octavo volume, comprising six books of the "Iliad," with a corresponding Irish translation in heroic, and published the Pentateuch, in English and Irish translation, accompanied with notes and comments: forming the first volume of the Bible, to be followed by other parts.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THIS DAY, One P.M.
Banks have still a downward tendency, offers to sell at 118 per cent. premium, failing to lead to a single transaction. As there is an evident disposition in some quarters to sell, we shall probably see the stock quoted at a lower rate than the present one before the end of the month—that is if market indications may be taken as a reliable guide. Docks are also decidedly weaker, and although a number of sales have been booked at 35, which for a time stopped the retrograde movement, the shares are at present a very long way from being in a satisfactory condition, at least so far as the Stock Exchange is concerned. There are buyers at 35 whose demands have not been supplied; and sellers at 35 who are unable to find purchasers. A few Steamboats have been on offer for the last few days at 23 per share premium for cash, but no business has resulted; and since the rather extensive sales of Sugars we reported the other day at 153, that popular medium of investment has also been exceedingly quiet. Insurance shares are not inquired after at present, and all other quotations in annexed list not specially alluded to above must be regarded as merely of a nominal character.

SHARES.
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—118 per cent. premium, Sellers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,600 per share.
China Traders Insurance Company—\$1,550 per share.
North-China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 875 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$230 per share, sellers.
Man On Insurance Company, Limited—\$25 per share premium.
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$925 per share.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$292 per share.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—36 per cent. premium, Sellers.
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company—\$23 per share premium, Sellers.
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company—\$85 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$100 per share, Sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$153 per share.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$130 per share.
Buyers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$50 per share.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1873—14 per cent. premium, ex interest.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1881—24 per cent. premium.

EXCHANGE.
On LONDON—Bank Bills, T.T. 3/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/8 1/2
Bank Bills, at 1 months' sight 3/9 1/2
Credits, at 1 months' sight 3/9 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight 3/9 1/2
On PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand 4.67
Credits, at 1 months' sight 4.79
On BOMBAY—Bank, T.T. 22 1/2
On CALCUTTA—Bank, T.T. 22 1/2
On SHANGHAI—Bank, T.T. 73 1/2
Private, 30 days' sight 73 1/2

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(TAKEN AT MESSRS. FALCONER AND CO.'S REGISTER, QUEEN'S-ROAD.)
Hongkong, 21st & 22nd December, 1881.
BAROMETER—1 P.M. 30.140
Do. 4 P.M. 30.104
THERMOMETER—1 P.M. 65.
Do. 4 P.M. 65.
Do. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 60.
Do. 4 P.M. Do. 61.
BAROMETER—9 A.M. 30.140
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. 65.
Do. 9 A.M. (Wet Bulb) 54.
Do. Maximum (over night) 65.
Do. Minimum (over night) 52.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.
Dec. 21, ATALANTA, German steamer, 785, E. G. Pfaff, Chinkiang 18th Dec., Rice and Beans.—Siemssen & Co.
Dec. 22, VORWAERTS, German steamer, 611, Evers, Hoihow 20th Dec., General.—Wieler & Co.
Dec. 22, TAMSTRI, British steamer, 919, John White, Shanghai via Chinkiang 18th Dec., Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.
Dec. 22, HAILONG, British steamer, 277, F. Ashton, Tamsui 19th Dec., Amoy 20th, and Swatow 21st, General.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
Dec. 22, EMUY, Spanish steamer, 220, G. N. Ortuzar, Manila 19th Dec., General.—Remedios & Co.

DEPARTURES.
Dec. 22, ESERALDA, British steamer, for Manila.
Dec. 22, TRALBS, British steamer, for Const ports.
Dec. 22, DECIMA, German steamer, for Shanghai.
Dec. 22, HAI-ON'ANG-CHING, Chinese gunboat, for a cruise.
Dec. 22, ATALANTA, German steamer, for Canton.
Dec. 22, TAMSUI, British steamer, for Canton.

PASSENGERS.
ARRIVED.
Per Vorwaerts, steamer, from Hoihow, 76 Chinese.
Per Hailong, steamer, from Tamsui, &c., 25 Chinese.

REPORTS.
The British steamer Tamsui, from Chinkiang and Shanghai, reports fresh northerly and N.E. winds with fine weather; steamers loading at Chinkiang for Canton, Swatow and Foochow.
The British steamer Hailong reports from Tamsui to Amoy strong N.E. breeze with high sea. From Amoy to Swatow, fresh N.E. breeze; from Swatow to Hongkong light variable airs with hazy weather. Steamship in Tamsui, Fokien; in Amoy, steamships Namoa and Wenchow; in Swatow, steamship Lee-yuen.

MAILS.
The following mails will close:—
TO-DAY, 22nd December,—
For Swatow, per China, at 5 p.m. For Swatow and Amoy, per Carisbrooke, at 5 p.m. For Shanghai, per Wyoliffe, at 3.30 p.m.
TO-MORROW, 23rd December,—
For Port Darwin, Cooktown, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, &c., per Meath, at 11.30 a.m. For Kobe and Yokohama, per Takasago Maru, at 11.30 a.m. For Amoy and Manila, per Emuy, at 4.30 p.m. For Manila, per Activ, at 9.30 a.m.

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.
COMMENCING ON SUNDAY, the 25th inst., the Steamer "POWAN" will leave Hongkong for Canton on SUNDAYS instead of MONDAYS. Until further notice her departures will be:—From Hongkong on WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS, and SUNDAYS, at 5.30 p.m. From Canton on TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, and SATURDAYS, at 5 p.m.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. A. DA COSTA,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd Dec., 1881.

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CRACKERS.

BONBONS (Assorted).

CRYSTALIZED MELONS (Sound).

CHOCOLATE CREAM.

DRAGEES & LIQUEURS.

BISCUITS.

FIGS.

MALAGA RAISINS.

SULTANA RAISINS.

TABLE PLUMS.

FRUITS IN JUICE (Assorted).

TERRINES de PATE de FOIE GRAS.

NOIX de VEAU TRUFFE (in Tins).

COULETTE de VEAU (in Tins).

VEAU ROTI (in Tins).

RIS de VEAU (in Tins).

FRICANDEAU (Assorted).

TRUFFES.

VEGETABLES (Assorted).

LIQUEURS.

CHARTREUSE.

BENEDICTINE.

ANISETTE.

CURACAO.

CHAMPAGNE (Vve. Cliquot).

CLARETS.

CHATEAU LAROSE.

CHATEAU LAFFITE.

MEDOC.

VERMOUTH (Noilly Prat).

VERMOUTH (Tartine).

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

A. MILLAR & Co.,

PLUMBERS, GASFITTERS,

&c., &c., have REMOVED their Office

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Repairs will be punctually attended to.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1881.

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